

Deployment of Para Military Forces In Mining Areas

2019. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States are deploying para military forces in mining areas to ensure smooth mining activities from the perspective of miners;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these para military forces becoming handy to those contractors who are violating human rights in tribal areas;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in some States such as Orissa these human rights violations became rampant in the mining areas;

(d) whether Utkal Aluminium International Limited is excavating bauxite without renewal of contract since the year 2000; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps contemplated to restore the rights with Government from UAIL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

New Mining Policy

2020. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new mining policy;

(b) how far this would help attract both domestic and foreign investment;

(c) whether the new policy will generate additional employment opportunities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, especially with reference to Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) to (d) A High Level Committee (HLC) under the chairmanship of Shri Anwarul Hoda, Member, Planning Commission was constituted to review the National Mineral Policy and recommend possible amendments in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act,